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COMMUNICATING WITH PORTABLE SELF-SCANNING UNITS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the August 29, 2002 Office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 40-49 are new.

Claims 4, 21, and 33, indicated below, replace the prior pending claims of the same numbers:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a price total comprises the steps of:

outputting signals from the self-checkout station to a POS controller through an interface that formats the signals to mimic signals outputted by conventional POS scanning terminals after performing a check-out scan for each of the plurality of items; and

inputting, to the self-checkout station, price information generated by the POS controller in response to the signals outputted in the outputting step.

21. (Amended) A self-checkout station comprising:

a data input port that inputs a plurality of data records from a portable data storage unit;

a first controller that determines a price for a plurality of items corresponding to the plurality of data records inputted via the data input port;

a non-portable customer-operated automated payment-acceptor that generates an output signal based on an amount of tendered payment; and

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